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FILING DATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

The Town and School District governing bodies need citizens who are willing to file for and serve in various positions this year. Those who intend to file, or are thinking about it, need to know that **the ten day filing period begins on Wednesday, January 21 and ends on Friday, January 30 at 5 p.m.**

To file for Town Office: Candidates must file with Town Clerk Phyllis Thompson during her regular office hours. These positions are open:

Selectmen	2 for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee	1 for 3 years
Library Trustees	2 for 3 years
Municipal Budget Committee	2 for 3 years
Planning Board	2 for 3 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	1 for 3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1 for 3 years

Note: open positions do not imply that the incumbents are leaving; it simply means their terms are up, and they must be re-elected.

To file for School Office: Candidates must file during the same ten day period. Town and School Clerk Phyllis Thompson will accept these filings during her regular office hours. These positions are open:

Brentwood School District Officers

School Board	2 for 3 years 1 for 1 year
Moderator	1 for 3 years
School Clerk	1 for 3 years
Treasurer (School)	1 for 1 year

Cooperative School District Officers

School Board (from Brentwood)	Filled
From Other Towns	3 for 3 years 1 each from Exeter, Newfields and Stratham. All towns may vote for these candidates.
Moderator	1 for 1 year

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS: EVERYONE IS INVITED AND URGED TO ATTEND

Thursday, January 15 7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget at the Exeter High School
Thursday, February 5 6:30 p.m.	Cooperative School Deliberative Session at the Exeter High School
Saturday, February 7 9:00 a.m. Snow date: Monday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets and proposed bond issue for new Fire Station at Swasey School
Saturday, March 7 9:00 a.m.	Brentwood School District Meeting at Swasey School
Tuesday, March 10 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Brentwood Town Elections at the Community Center
Thursday, March 12 7:00 p.m.	Town Meeting at Swasey School

TO SUBMIT WARRANT ARTICLES:

An article may be submitted by petition with the signatures of at least 25 registered voters. **The last filing date for Warrant Articles is Tuesday, February 3.**

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Monday–Thursday 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday evening 7:00-9:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1

Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

January Recycling Pick-up Dates:

January 6, 7
 January 23, 24

Important reminder regarding winter garbage collection:

During the winter months it is particularly important to be careful with the placement of your garbage bags, garbage cans, and recycling bins! Please make sure they are out of the road. The plows can not stop at each house to move them nor can they drive around them if they are in the roadway. They should be placed inside your driveway, or if you want to clear an area off of the road, that will work as well.

Note: November's tonnage figures were not available at the time of printing but will be included in next month's newsletter.

Selectmen's Office

From the Town Clerk's Office

► When you come to renew your auto registration, please remember to bring the letter or your current automobile registration. The state no longer sends us pre-prints.

Also, please bring two checks, one for the State and one for the Town.

► Dog licenses for 2009 are in!

Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk

Town Emergency Shelter

Brentwood's Emergency Management Department utilized the new Community Center as the Town's Emergency Shelter during the December ice storm. It was open to residents who needed to warm up, have a bite to eat, or a place to lay their heads for the night.

They tried their best to spread the word that the shelter was available and want all residents to know it will be there again if such a need arises again in the future.

Board of Selectmen

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Business Article: \$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

Deadline for February Issue: Friday, Jan. 23

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,
 or e-mail to lindarou@rcn.com

The Ice Storm of 2008

The Fire Department as well as the town of Brentwood found itself in uncharted waters starting the night of December 11 and into the following week. In my thirty years in the Fire Department I have never seen this town shut down as it was on December 11. As the ice storm progressed through the night many trees and power lines fell, blocking roads and causing a loss of power to the residents of Brentwood. Emergency services were limited in access for most of the town for the first 12 to 24 hours after the storm. As we realized the scope of this disaster, the emergency operations center (EOC) was opened early Friday morning and the shelter was opened in the Fire Association Hall. As the day went on, the Highway Department worked to clear trees and debris from many roads. It took many days for the power companies to clear the roads from power lines before we could have full access to the town. The fire house was manned around the clock for the next week. We responded to more than 138 incidents involving emergencies, well-being checks and assistance. During this time we responded to two house fires, one which sustained substantial interior damage. Had we not had people on duty these houses would have suffered a much greater loss.

The Fire Department's job is to prepare for emergencies of all kinds and to handle whatever the task is. As we have designed and presented a building to the taxpayers over the last three years we've heard comments such as "you don't need that for a building," "we don't have tornados, hurricanes or other disasters," and "that won't happen here." Amazing what an ice storm can do to a community! These disasters do happen; and we need to be prepared.

The emergency services in town – police, fire, and highway – stepped up and performed well under these hazardous conditions. All were coordinated under our EOC at the fire house. We did find some deficiencies and difficulties at the EOC. The EOC was on generator power for a week, so the building had power. Phone lines were down at the EOC for two days, causing us to work off a limited cell phone system and radios. With the amount of personnel operating at the EOC and fire department, the EOC was overcrowded as it overflowed into the fire department's apparatus bays. As the emergency stretched into a week, our manpower was becoming thin and the National Guard was brought in to assist.

We did learn that in disasters of this magnitude covering many area towns, the emergency services are on their own for the first 48 hours, and we need to be prepared to operate in that way.

In any future disasters, information and assistance can always be rendered at the fire house by contacting the fire house or stopping in.

Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine

From the Selectmen's Office

The Selectmen would like to thank all departments and individuals who assisted the Town and its residents during the recent ice storm and days that followed. It was a great team effort and was indicative of the helpful nature of so many of Brentwood's town employees, residents, and business owners!

Brentwood Board of Selectmen

December 2008 Ice Storm

It's been a month since the ice storm hit the New England coast and left the residents of Brentwood without power. A number of residents suffered great loss from this event.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and the Town of Brentwood's emergency services worked around the clock to open roads, restore power, protect and serve our residents. Members of the EOC, Board of Selectmen, Fire, Police and Highway Departments met daily to evaluate the needs of the town and this was reported during the daily conference with the Governor.

As the emergency services canvassed the town, hanging emergency shelter notices and doing well-being checks, we frequently saw neighbors helping others. Residents were sharing generators to warm houses, bringing food and water to persons without access. Some residents were walking door to door, just to make sure everyone was safe. Our community really pulled itself together. Looking back, I think that the safety and welfare of the Brentwood residents were put as our highest priority.

As we critique the events, they found that we have residents in our community who are elderly, disabled or handicapped and are without means of transportation, assistance and/or communications. Some of these residents spent days without necessary resources needed for their health and welfare.

I would like to ask these residents to contact the Brentwood Fire Department at 642-8132 during working hours, Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm and ask to be placed on the Emergency Well-Being Checklist. My intent here is to create a resource for those having limitations or special circumstances. This list will be utilized during any future State of Emergency by the Fire Department or EOC.

I would like to close by saying thank you to all members of the Town of Brentwood emergency services. These personnel worked around the clock to protect and provide for our community. A job well done!

*Donna M. Vadeboncoeur
Captain/EMS Coordinator
Brentwood Fire Department*

Thank You - Brentwood Firemen

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to you all for going around and checking on our residents the day after the ice storm, and again several days later. We are particularly grateful to you for checking on our parents, Joseph and Nellie Swasey.

Their roof sustained two holes from a broken limb. You returned on 12/14 and applied a temporary patch. The phone and electrical wires were torn off the house and were entangled in the downed limbs, blocking their driveway for days. Thank you for moving limbs and making a connection with PSNH. They came soon after.

We are fortunate to have such great people in our town.

Sincerely,

*Brenda S. Flanders, Barbara S. Keir and families
Joseph and Nellie Swasey*

8th Annual Fire Department Toy Drive

I would like to thank the residents of Brentwood for your generous donations to help our needy families during the 2008 holiday season. The response of generosity from local businesses, organizations and town residents, made the 2008 Toy Drive a huge success!

We started Thanksgiving weekend with "Stuff the Bus" at the WalMart Super Center with the Epping Fire Department. We accepted donated toys and monies placed in the Fire Boot to help the needy families in both towns.

We placed over 50 Christmas ornaments with gift requests on the Christmas trees located at the Brentwood Town Office, Swasey School and at Grace Ministries. Donation pick up boxes were placed at the Brentwood Fire Department, Town Offices and Brentwood Country Store. We were able to help the 13 families that needed a little extra help this year for the holidays.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the members and staff of the following organizations and businesses for all of your time and commitment:

Brentwood Fire Department
Brentwood Firemen's Association
Brentwood Town Offices
Swasey School
Grace Ministries
Brentwood Country Store

We had a great team working together, which made the 2008 Toy Drive a huge success! It gives me great pleasure to see the smiles on the parent's faces when they pick up the gifts. I could not have done it without your help!

*Donna M. Vadeboncoeur
Captain/EMS Coordinator
Brentwood Fire Department*

Note:

The Brentwood Newsletter incorrectly published the Tree Limo date as Jan. 3 in the December issue. We sincerely regret the error. Following is the notice as it should have appeared. -- Editor.



The 8th Annual All-Volunteer "AFTER CHRISTMAS" TREE LIMO SERVICE

**Supported by Brentwood Board of Selectmen
All proceeds go to Brentwood's non-profit Tree
Limo Grant Fund**

2007 Grantee: Brentwood Night Riders 4-H Club

**2008 Grantee: Brentwood Recreation Community
Playground**

Saturday, January 10, 2009

**Brentwood's Christmas Tree Limo Service is
providing worry-free disposal of your tired,
sappy, needle bare Christmas trees.**

What do you need to do?

- Phone #778-9411 or e-mail your tree's reservation to treelimo@comcast.net before Friday, January 9 and provide your name, phone number and street address.
- Place your unadorned Christmas tree at the end of your driveway so it is accessible for our drivers. Please remove all tinsel, as trees will be mulched.
- On the morning of January 10, attach a donation of \$10.00 (or more!) to the treetop in a weather-proof bag.

Checks can be made payable to the Brentwood Tree Limo Fund.



Save your backs! * Save your vehicle's paint! * Let us get sappy!!

Report from Your State Representative

The legislature will begin the 2009-2010 biennium January 7. The speaker of the House has assigned members to committees. Most holdovers, like me, will stay on the committee on which they served in 2008, but some will move to another. New House members make up one-third of the membership, and committees reflect that (for example, of the twenty members on my committee, Executive Departments and Administration, eight are first-termers).

In the weeks and months ahead, the House will take up hundreds of bills submitted by members. Legislators have given 1,008 prospective bills to the Office of Legislative Services (OLS), whose lawyers put them into proper legislative language. The office of the speaker will winnow these down to avoid duplication. Because there is no restriction on the topics that can be introduced, they are many and varied. The quality also varies from, depending on one's point of view, abysmal to superb.

The contents of the bills are not yet available, but their substance is indicated by their titles. Here are some of the more consequential and/or controversial of the 1,008 draft bills that the OLS has been working on:

Three call for repeal of the death penalty. The bill or bills that survive the winnowing process will face strong opposition. A bill to establish a commission to look into the pros and cons of the death penalty will probably have a better chance of passage.

One bill wants to allow sales of tobacco products in state liquor stores and reduce the tobacco tax. Foes of making cigarette sales more available are likely to oppose expanding sales, and with overall state revenues sharply down, an effort to reduce the tobacco tax could also face tough sledding.

The hot-button issues of gay marriage and abortion will once again take up a lot of time in committee hearings and in floor debates. Anti-abortion activists are re-submitting a proposal (which failed last year) to require parental notification before an abortion can be performed on a minor. Another bill would prohibit "the department of health and human services from entering into a contract with Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. or any organization that provides abortion services." As for gay rights, legislation permitting same-gender marriages and legislation prohibiting them will be considered.

As in previous years, the legislature will take up a bill "establishing a state income tax to adequately fund public education." Prospects for passage are poor at best. The knotty issue of school funding will engender a lot of debate. Once again some house members will try to undo the state supreme court's decisions requiring the state to define an adequate education, determine its cost and provide the money pay for it.

Gambling as a source of state income is another perennial subject for legislative consideration. Four draft bills call for building a casino. Two of these bills specify that the casino should be built in the North Country. One bill states that in connection with the casino, there would be "a fund to assist with the payment of property taxes."

Other revenue enhancement bills include increasing taxes on beer and on gasoline.

Some of the "social" issues that will come up are lowering the minimum drinking age, prohibiting smoking in vehicles in which small children are passengers, and permitting the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

My favorite draft bill is one "declaring the Chinook the state dog of New Hampshire." We have a state wild animal, the white-tailed deer (the favorite of about ten states), but no state domestic animal. Only a few states have state dogs: one of them, Massachusetts, has a (what else?) Boston terrier. Why a Chinook? The breed came into existence in 1917, when in New Hampshire a Husky female was cross-bred with a mixed-breed male. About 800 Chinooks are in existence worldwide. They are wonderful dogs, so I read, but I've never seen one in person (if I can say that about a dog). I can hardly wait to hear the debate when this bill reaches the floor of the House.

Don Petterson

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Blog: <http://statereport.blogspot.com>

Winter Parking / Snow Removal Policies

A reminder to all Brentwood residents that the Town of Brentwood has the following ordinances in effect:

► No person shall, while removing snow from any private driveway or parking lot, deposit and leave such snow in the traveled portion of any public way within the Town of Brentwood, so as to create a dangerous condition upon such public way, nor pile such snow in a manner tending to hinder visibility at the intersection of any public way within the Town of Brentwood.

Any violation of this regulation shall be punishable by a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) maximum.

► In order to protect the citizens of Brentwood and to facilitate snow removal and sanding operations, there will be no parking allowed on any public street within the Town of Brentwood during the period of November 1 to April 15.

Permits to park in the road may be granted by the Selectmen upon receipt of a written request to them. Such permits may be granted in special situations and will be for a specific time period.

The Selectmen do hereby request the Police Department to work together with the Town Road Agent and initiate removal of all vehicles that, in his opinion, are hampering snow removal on Town roads.

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

We are hoping that 2009 will be kind to all of you and yours. We do know that everyone's pockets are hurting and that the library is a good place to find no-cost entertainment. As you know, we have DVDs, CDs, books, magazines and a lot of other materials to keep you well occupied. We hope you will take note of the programs we are offering this year.

We have two **Friday Night Flicks** scheduled for January. *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, rated PG13, will be shown on **January 9** and *Tinker Belle*, rated G, on **January 23**. The usual drill ... 7:00 p.m., water bottles, and popcorn provided.

Mamma Mia, rated PG13, will be shown on **Thursday evening, January 15, 7:00 pm**, our monthly **Ladies Night** at the Movies, complete with refreshments and a raffle.

On **Monday evening, January 26, 7:00 p.m.**, anyone is welcome to join our **book discussion** of *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Jeannette and her siblings somehow learned how to care of themselves and each other in spite of their totally dysfunctional parents. This book, about the resilience of children, should provide an intriguing discussion.

We have a special treat for you armchair travelers on **Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Michelle Belski, a longtime resident of Brentwood, recently traveled to China and explored the cities of Shanghai, Beijing, Xian and also cruised on the Yangtze River. Michelle will share the stories and pictures of her amazing journey including the bustling city of Shanghai, the Terra Cotta Soldier museum and Imperial Beijing.

All of us are working diligently on the new Atrium cataloguing system. The changeover can't happen fast enough for us as the old database is going on serious overload. A group called Linux also took the time to hack into our online catalogue and access is now impossible. Thank you, good Friends, for once more coming to our rescue.

Many wonderful children's books were added to our collection as they have been every year since the Library Christmas Craft Fair began. This is another Friends enterprise, so remember, as do we, just how much the group has done to enhance the Mary E. Bartlett Library over these many years. Thank you, Friends!

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

Brentwood Swimmer on U.S. Team for Summer Friendship Games in Austria

My name is Linnea Lemerise. I live in Brentwood with my parents, two sisters, and our dog Ben. I have participated on the Exeter Swim Team for five years. My goal is to go to the Olympics some day and I have been working very hard to make my dream happen. It takes a lot of dedication and perseverance to make every swim practice count towards improving my times for every competition meet, but I am lucky to have a supportive family and wonderful coach to help me. Last year I placed first in the Summer Championships in Dover, and I also scored high in Zones in Maryland this last summer, as part of the New England Swim Team. It was a good experience for me because I learned from good coaches, saw different swim facilities, and made new friends.

Swimming has helped me become a better person because it encourages good sportsmanship, being positive, and taking one race at a time. At every swim meet I just try to do the best I can and I know even if I don't come in first place, if I have tried my best, I won't have lost my race. I also have to use good time management and organizational skills to get my homework done for school every day.

This summer I have been invited to represent the United States in the Youth Friendship Games in Austria, as part of the People to People Sports Ambassador Program developed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. It's an Olympic style sports festival where student athletes from twenty-five countries experience international competition and earn academic learning credit. I will be training with world renowned coaches such as Olympic gold medalist Lenny Krayzelburg.

This is such a special honor to be invited. I really want to go, but I am going to need some help. The cost for my mother and me to go will be about 20,000 dollars. I am going to try to raise as much as I can by getting sponsors. In Russia, the government pays for their athletes to attend, but in America kids have to earn their own way. I am a hard worker and I believe I can do it. Please help me to do the United States and Brentwood proud. It will be an experience of a lifetime.

Donations can be made to: Linnea's Dream
54 Prescott Road
Brentwood, NH 03833

Sincerely,
Linnea Lemerise

The meetings listed on page 1 and repeated in the table below are important! At some meetings monetary decisions which impact taxes are made by the votes of those present. If you do not participate, you are giving up your rights and denying others the benefit of your thoughts.

Taken together, these sessions determine not only what taxes will be, but also set initiatives which will define Brentwood's future character and infrastructure. We say it every year: please be a part of this important process.

Date and Time	Location	Event	What Happens
Thursday, January 15 7:00 p.m.	Exeter High School	Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget	Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed.
Thursday, February 5 7:00 p.m.	Exeter High School	Deliberative Session	Budget for Cooperative District is made final in preparation for the ballot vote on March 10. Changes can be made.
Saturday, February 7 9:00 a.m.	Swasey Central School	Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets Hearing for fire station bond	Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed.
Saturday, March 7 9:00 a.m.	Swasey Central School	School District Meeting	Discuss and vote on Swasey budget. Changes can be made.
Tuesday, March 10 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Brentwood Community Center	Brentwood Town Elections	Voting for various town, Cooperative School District and Swasey School District positions. Vote on Cooperative School District budget. Vote on all zoning changes.
Thursday, March 12 7:00 p.m.	Swasey Central School	Town Meeting	Discuss and vote on the various articles of the town warrant. Changes can be made. Swearing in of new town officials.

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser

Do you have old, broken or outdated electronics sitting around the house, taking up space and gathering dust? You can recycle your old computer towers, laptops, monitors, printers, TVs, fax machines, calculators, cell phones, telephones, DVD and VCR players, vacuum cleaners, toaster ovens, microwaves, and other electronic devices and support Exeter High School's "Project Prom/Project Graduation 2009" at the same time!

Where: Exeter Town Hall Exeter, NH

When: Saturday, January 10 (snow date Saturday, January 24)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The cost to dispose of the electronics ranges from \$5.00 for smaller electronics to \$15 for larger items. Donations are tax-deductible.

Project Prom/Project Graduation 2009 is a group of parents who work together to raise funds in order to provide alcohol- and substance-free evenings of activities following the Senior Prom and Graduation. Please contact Sandy Vallery at 772-4644 if you have any questions about the recycling fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

Paula Rushia

Brentwood Town Energy Committee

The Brentwood Town Energy Committee will meet on **Friday, January 16, 1:30pm at the Mary E. Bartlett Library**. Please come join us for a discussion on how we can make Brentwood more energy efficient. Refreshments will be served.

Also, a PSNH representative will speak about home energy audits on **Tuesday, January 6, 7pm at Sanborn Regional High School** in Kingston. Both meetings are open to the public.

Watt Meter Available

A watt meter will be available for check-out at the Mary E. Bartlett Library. This device measures your kilowatt usage in your home and can help you save money and energy.

You plug the meter into a wall outlet, then plug each electrical appliance into the meter to read how much wattage it uses. The meter was graciously donated by Victor and Emily Schmalzer.

Margaret Kerkhove, Secretary

Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will meet on **Wednesday, January 28 at the Community Center**, 190 Route 125. Members are encouraged to arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 am. The business meeting will begin at 11:30, and an Italian potluck luncheon buffet will be served after the business meeting. Members will be called to confirm what dish they are bringing for the luncheon.

After lunch there will be a "Pound Party," a fundraiser for the club. Each member is asked to bring some item, hidden in a brown paper bag or a gift bag. Weight is not restricted to a pound; it can weigh a few ounces or more than a pound. Each mystery item will be auctioned off, with proceeds going to the Seniors Treasury. For any questions call Joe Gancarz, president, 642-5830.

Brentwood Gardeners

The Brentwood Gardeners will meet **Wednesday, January 28, 7:00 pm at the Community Center**. The program will be a Bonsai Demonstration. Members have the option to create a Bonsai at this meeting for a \$15 fee. If you would like to make a Bonsai, please call Diantha Wade at 772-5217 to let her know, as they will need to ensure ample supplies.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at Gardeners' meetings! For information call Diantha Wade, president, at the number above.

Warm Thanks to Generous Neighbors

On December 5 over fifty neighbors and friends joined me and my family in a quiet milestone celebration, and at the same time raised \$1200.00 toward fuel assistance for Sue Benoit, our town's welfare officer, to distribute to Brentwood families in need this winter. Thanks to all for your wonderful generosity! The money raised couldn't have been more timely.

In case you're wondering, Joanne and Richard Nichols won the raffle basket.

Elyse Seeley

Achievement

Samantha Kligerman, a junior at Salem State College, Salem, Mass., made the Dean's List for the Fall semester. She is the daughter of Lynne Bohley of Rowell Road and Greg Kligerman of Amesbury, Mass.

Veteran Innkeeper's Program Rescheduled for Brentwood Historical Society

Carl Lindblade, who was scheduled to speak at the Brentwood Historical Society meeting of November 13, has been rescheduled for **Thursday, January 8, 7:30 pm at the Brentwood Community Center, 190 Route 125, on the lower level**. Parking is expected to be easier there regardless of the weather.

A veteran of the hotel, resort, and tourism industry, Mr. Lindblade's topic will be on the lighthearted side: "New Hampshire – A State of Mind." A humorous look at New Hampshire from the days of King George III to the present, his talk will highlight colonial days, New Hampshire political traditions and culture, with a wealth of stories about the 24 grand resort hotels of the White Mountain area.

The Historical Society Museum is available to be seen by appointment by calling the curator, Norman Wilson, 772-6997. The Historical Society is always interested in input and ideas from the public. For further information call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635.

Brentwood Rider Named to U.S. Team for International Games Exchange

Annie Seymour, daughter of John and Joyleen Seymour of North Road, has been named to the United States Pony Club International Games Exchange Team. As a member of this team, Annie will travel to Calgary, Alberta, Canada in June and July of 2009 to represent the United States in an international mounted games competition featuring teams from Canada, Great Britain, Australia and the US. Pony Club is one of the leading junior equestrian organizations in the world, represented throughout 30 countries. The United States has over 600 individual Clubs spread throughout 48 states and the Virgin Islands, with more than 12,000 members. Mounted games in Pony Club is a team sport, usually played with ponies, fast-paced and fun for both competitors and spectators.

Participants pick things up and dunk them in buckets, pick up and place flags in cones, vaulting to mount and dismount at speed, all while working together as a team. Annie, her younger sister Lizzie, and her younger brother Mike are all members of Rockingham Pony Club.

<http://games.ponyclub.org/>
<http://rockingham.ponyclub.org/>

Joyleen Seymour

Recreation News

Red Cross Classes in Brentwood

Interested in taking a Red Cross CPR or First Aid Class? Check online at www.greatbayredcross.org or by calling 766-5440 for the schedule of classes in Brentwood. We should have new classes coming up in February and March.

Foxwoods Trip

A Foxwoods Trip will be heading out in March. Date is yet to be confirmed but it should be either Monday, March 16 or 23. As in the past, cost is \$35 per person and includes: coffee/doughnuts on the way down and water/snack on the way back; free \$15 bet; free buffet lunch. The transportation is a deluxe coach and will leave at 7:30am sharp from the parking lot of the Community Center. It will arrive back in town around 7:30pm. Please contact Jessica to confirm the date and to sign up. We need to have a minimum amount of people signed up by February 23 to confirm the bus!

Youth Baseball

Deadlines for signing up for the various youth baseball teams are as follows:

(Due to tremendous feedback about the age cutoff that we were following, which is in April, we have gone back to the school cutoff of Sept. 30 for the following Brentwood teams) Tball (5yo by Sept. 30), Rookie (6yo), Farm (7 and some 8yo) and Softball Teams: sign up with the Brentwood Rec, applications available outside the office or online as of January 15. Deadline for signups is February 16 at 3pm. No teams will be added after this date, and late signups will only be accepted if a team is still in need of players *with a late fee. Don't wait to sign up, please be proactive and sign up ahead of the deadline so that unforeseen circumstances won't lead to a late signup.

Little League (9-12yo by April 30, 2009) signups are with the Exeter Junior Baseball League, and information can be found on their website: www.exeterbaseball.org. Deadline is Feb. 21 to register for the tryouts. A link can be found on their website for the Babe Ruth League (13-19yo by April 30, 2009), which Brentwood will now be a part of. Their signup deadline is not yet set; please check the website or check with the Brentwood Rec for more information in the coming month.

An important message about signing up for a sport:

The majority of those playing in one of Brentwood's youth sports programs have played in years past, and therefore are aware of the general signup period, process of signing up, where the Rec office is, and how to contact the Rec Department if they have questions about a program or want to inquire about signups for a program. We have attempted to curb late signups for several reasons and hope that our baseball season will prove to have fewer than in the past.

Brentwood teams play in several other leagues in each of the different sports that we play, and each of those leagues have their own deadlines we must meet; in some cases exceptions are made by those leagues but with a substantial late fee that we could otherwise use elsewhere in the Department. Schedules must be created, uniforms ordered, coaches contacted and prepared, gym spaces coordinated and rented, referees/umpires scheduled, supplies bought, money budgeted, and all of this is done according to the number of teams/kids we have playing. One late signup may not cause a lot of extra time or difficult shuffling, but there is never just one. All of the above tasks suffer when multiple late signups take time and energy away from completing them. We want ALL kids in Brentwood who want to play to be able to play. We will advertise deadlines on the Brentwood Town website, in the Rec Office and on the outgoing phone message, in the Carriage Towne News, Exeter Newsletter (online or in print), and here in the Brentwood Newsletter. In the future, only one flyer will go home in the Swasey Wednesday folder three or four weeks before a deadline, this will be for each sport so should equal three times a year. If all else fails and you want to know what's going on with a sport, call the office, don't wait until it's too late. Thank you for respecting our Department procedures.

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Office hours: Mon. & Thurs. 9-2pm

Tues. noon-8pm

Short Story Published by Brentwood Resident

Joyleen Seymour has published a short story in "Deadfall," an anthology of crime fiction by New England writers from Level Best Books. She has just donated a copy of "Deadfall" to the Bartlett Library, and it is available there now. "Deadfall" was released in November and is available at the Level Best Books website, <http://www.levelbestbooks.com/Deadfall.html> and at many local bookstores including River Run Books in Portsmouth and Water Street Books in Exeter. Many of the local authors will be signing and reading from "Deadfall" at Water Street Books in January. Writing as J.E. Seymour, Joyleen has had short stories published in two anthologies and numerous e-zines and magazines, including *Thriller UK*, *Shred of Evidence*, *Shots Crime and Mystery Magazine*, *Mysterical-E* and more. Her website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~j.e.seymour>.

Mailing Crew for December

Many thanks to those in the Brentwood Forest neighborhood who prepared the hefty December issue for mailing: Heather Arkell, Heather Beaulieu, Torie Freeman, Wendy McGonigle, Bridget Petrosky, Donna Poirier, and Bethel Stephens.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 8 Historical Society – 7:30 pm, Community Center. **Carl Lindblade** on “**New Hampshire – A State of Mind.**”
- Jan. 9 Friday Night Flick – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library (See p. 6).
Club UnderALLS dance – 7-10 pm, Brentwood Community Center
- Jan. 10 “**After Christmas Tree Limo**” pickup. (See p. 4)
Electronics Recycling – 8 am – 7 pm, Exeter Town Hall. (See p. 7)
- Jan. 12 Brentwood School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey School
Brentwood Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Jan. 13 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room Town Office Building
- Jan. 14 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Auxiliary – 7:30 pm, Fire Hall
- Jan. 15 **Public Hearing, Cooperative District Budget – 7:00 pm, Exeter High School, off Rte.27**
Brentwood Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. (See p. 6)
- Jan. 16 Brentwood Energy Committee – 1:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- Jan. 19 Brentwood Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Library Trustees – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Jan. 20 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 21 **Filing period begins for town and school offices**
- Jan. 23 Friday Night Flick – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. (See p. 6)
- Jan. 26 Brentwood Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Brentwood Book Discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Jan. 27 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 7:00 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 28 Brentwood Seniors – 11:30 am, Community Center, 190 Route 125. Fund-raising auction, “**Pound Party.**”
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Community Center, **Bonsai Demonstration.**
- Jan. 29 Special program on **China Trip** by **Michelle Belski** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library.
- Jan. 30 **Filing period ends, 5:00 pm – Town Clerk’s office**
- Feb. 2 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Fire House
- Feb. 3 **Last day to file Warrant Articles, at Selectmen’s Office**
- Feb. 4 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Feb. 5 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Coop. School District Deliberative Session – 7:00 pm, Exeter High School
- Feb. 7 **Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School budgets & proposed bond issue for Fire Station – 9:00 am, Swasey School.**

The public is welcome at all above events

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